

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING A SEAL FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, approved June 20, 1949 (Public Law 110, 81st Congress), and by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

The seal for the Central Intelligence Agency shall be of the following design:

DESCRIPTION

Shield: Argent, a compass rose of sixteen points gules.

Crest: On a wreath argent and gules an American bald eagle's head crested proper. Below the shield on a gold color scroll the inscription "United States of America" in red letters. Encircling the shield and crest at the top the inscription "Central Intelligence Agency" in white letters; all on a circular blue background with a narrow gold edge.

The seal shall be as described and interpreted herein and as set forth in the illustrations which accompany this Order and are hereby made a part thereof.

INTERPRETATION

The American eagle is a symbol of strength and alertness and is the National bird. The radiating spokes of the compass rose depict the coverage of intelligence data from all areas to a central point.

Such seal being of suitable design and appropriate for establishment as the official seal of the Central Intelligence Agency:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 2 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, I hereby approve such seal as the official seal of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This order shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

HARRY S. TRUMAN